

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Andrew Gemeny house

2. Location

street & number Royal Oak Road not for publicationcity, town Royal Oak vicinity of congressional district 2state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>occupied</u>	<u>agriculture</u>	<u>museum</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>	<u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u>	<u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u>government</u>	<u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>	<u>transportation</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u>	<u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Schwaben International Inc.

street & number Suite 3413 telephone no.:city, town New York state and zip code New York 10048

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 448street & number folio 96city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-917

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Andrew Gemeny house is located on the west side of Royal Oak Road across from the Pasadena Inn in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. This structure faces east and the principle gable is oriented on a north/south axis.

Built by 1877, this two-story structure is clad in white german siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers. The house is finished with cornerboards and a boxed cornice. The roofline is decorated with a modest gingerbread trim.

The east (main) elevation has a central, red, six panel door flanked by one six-over-six sash window on either side with red, louvered shutters and narrow surrounds. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with red, louvered shutters and narrow surrounds. A two-story addition of slightly smaller scale extends to the north. This addition is pierced by a red door of vertical wood panels and lit by one six-over-six sash window with red, louvered shutters and narrow surrounds on the first floor. The second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window with red, louvered shutters and narrow surrounds.

The north elevation is lit by one six-over-six sash window with red, louvered shutters and narrow surrounds on both the first and second floors.

The west elevation of the house's main body is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds on the first and second floor. The two-story northern addition has one door of vertical wood paneling and one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds on the first floor. The second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds. All windows on this elevation have the metal shutter fixtures in place.

The south elevation is lit by two three-over-three sash windows with narrow surrounds on the second floor and has the ghost of a former doorway on the first floor.

8. Significance

Survey No. T-917

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Bernice Leonard writes about this property in Twig and Turf III. Initially, this property belonged to Oak Hall farm. It was first leased for ninety nine years to William Townsend and Louise Melvin. In 1861 the lease was transferred to Peter H. Battee. In 1873 Battee passed the lease on to Eleanora and Andrew Gemeny. In the 1877 Atlas a house appears on this lot identified as that of "A.Gemeny." In 1883, the lease was signed over to Spedden Orem.

The Harper family subsequently bought this property and used it as a guesthouse for their summer visitors. It remains in good condition and is still used as a guesthouse today.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-917

Leonard, Bernice. Twig and Turf III: The Royal Oak.
Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Pub. Co., 1985.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission date 12/31/91

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city or town Easton state MD

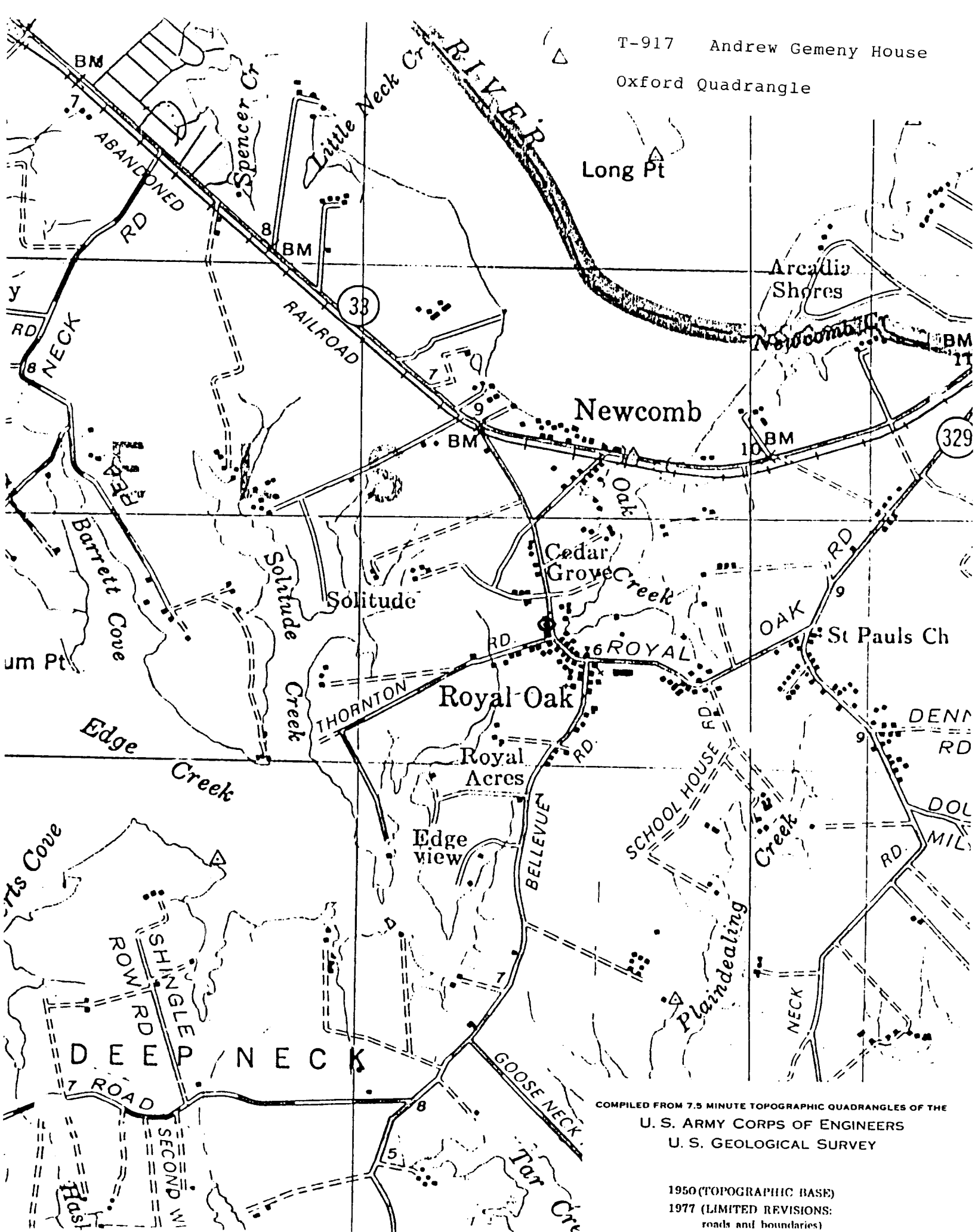
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T-917 Andrew Gemeny House
Oxford Quadrangle



COMPILED FROM 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLES OF THE
U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:
roads and boundaries)



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ANDREW GEMENY HOUSE

NE ELEVATION